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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Comments on Disposition of Proposed Annex A [REDACTED]

1. AFOIN-2C has reviewed the subject drafts and is in agreement with the intelligence presented and the interpretations made. It should be noted that the Air Force has already published on the significant conclusions reached in this paper. AIIR 57-1 of 22 March 1957 discusses the missile/nuclear association of JOE 29 while AIN(EST) 2C1-2-57 of 26 February 1957 deals with JOE 20. Other aspects bearing on these relationships have appeared in other Air Force publications such as the COSIB.

2. The conclusions reached in the paper, regarding events which took place some time ago, are believed to have been generally accepted by the Intelligence Community. No new intelligence or conclusions are presented, nor does the paper reflect any different analytical approach. It would have been far more desirable if both GMIC and JAEIC had considered and discussed the intelligence conclusions when they were first presented by the Air Force. In view of the very significant nature of these missile/nuclear events, timeliness in the dissemination of the information is essential. The late date at which the CIA-chaired JAEIC sub-committee in finally producing this paper is an illustration of the inadequacy of the committee approach to urgent problems of intelligence on Soviet weapons development.

3. The subject draft is not suitable as an annex [REDACTED] The Soviet atomic energy NIE's have dealt with estimates of the production of fissionable material, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It would be setting a new and questionable precedent to permit the JAEIC to [REDACTED] discuss on so authoritative a level the implications of this intelligence as it would affect Soviet weapons development and utilization of fissionable material. In view of the present broad scope of the JAEIC extending from the mining of ores through the weapons testing program it is believed that a discussion of Soviet nuclear/missile relationship is getting beyond both the purview and the competence of the committee.

4. Recommendations:

a. The GMIC recommend against the publication of the subject draft as a special supplement [REDACTED]

USAF review(s) completed.


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b. The GMIC consider the important information contained in the subject draft and previous Air Force publications on the same subject with a view to publishing and disseminating agreed conclusions through some alternate and more appropriate means.


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